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Perry Hall came to see me, accompanied by his niece. He was Chairman of the Princeton University Endowment Fund, and says they have wound it up, having exceeded his goal of 53 million dollars by 7 million.

Sir Alexander Spearman, MP, visited me. He is active in Anglo-American Parliamentary affairs. We had a long talk about a variety of international political problems.

Marian Schlesinger arrived this morning to stay with us. Arthur was to follow this afternoon. Pam Berry gave a large cocktail party in his honor, to which she had asked 60 or 70 journalists, authors, and politicians. Arthur was snowbound in Paris, but came to the party after E, Janie McBaine, and I had left.

The three of us went to the Royal Film Performance at the Odeon, at 7:30. This was "West Side Story". I had never seen the play, but enjoyed the movie. The Queen, Princess Margaret, Lord Snowdon, and Lord Mountbatten represented the Royal Family. A number of stars were presented to them, Italians, English, American, Greek, and of other nationalities. Tonight the Washington's Birthday Ball of the English Speaking Union was held at the Dorchester. Owing to the lateness of the movie, we did not arrive there until 11:30, and found the affair in full swing. E cut the birthday cake with a sword at midnight, and when we left, couples and triplets were still doing the twist, and waxing merrier by the minute.

When we got home, we found the Schlesingers had just come in, and we all sat up late with them and the Editor of the Evening Standard and his wife.

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Arthur Schlesinger rode down with me this morning. I went to the Mexican Embassy for the monthly meeting of the American diplomatic group.

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order, and told E something I had never heard before, namely, that there was an electrical apparatus to floor it over at short notice, and convert the room into a small moving picture theater.

I talked to Arthur Schlesinger today about the mess in British Guiana. My own feeling is that our Government is making a mistake in attempting so fully to participate in decisions affecting that British dependency. The British would gladly hand the whole thing over to us if we were inclined to shoulder all the consequent responsibilities, which we would not be willing to do. Instead, we persevere in offering unsolicited advice as to what they should do. Between the White House, State Department, and Congress, there are too many cooks stirring this broth.

E came down to lunch with me at the office, and we cleared up a lot of clogged engagement books.

The new Indonesian Ambassador, M. Burhanudin Mohamad Diah, called on me this afternoon. 45 years old, he was a journalist before the war, as was his wife. He was in the Indonesian Parliament for a time, and in 1959 was appointed Ambassador to Czechoslovakia and Hungary, and Delegate to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna.

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Tonight E and I went to the Covent Garden Opera House as the guests of Lord Drogheda. Their other guests were the Hugh Gaitskells, the Michael Berrys, and Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Bridgeman. Bridgeman is Chairman of the British Petroleum Company. During the intervals of the performance we talked at some length about the oil situation in Kuwait. In the absence of the Sheik, who was out of the country for medical treatment, the Minister of Finance has proposed the cancellation of part of the concession granted to British Petroleum and Gulf Oil Company, and also considerable changes in the apportionment of revenues. These

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This treaty was of crucial importance. The Russians had already crossed the Bering Straits from Siberia, and had extended their fur trading posts as far south as San Francisco. The Czar had designated a large part of the California coast "Russian America."

We made, however, no attempt to match these far-reaching commitments by compensating increases in our military establishment. Instead, we relied, without open acknowledgment of the fact, on our tacit understanding with Great Britain, whose government was sympathetic to the aims of the Monroe Doctrine, to protect our hemisphere with the overwhelming might of the British Navy.

This enabled us to dispense not only with a consistent foreign policy, but with any substantial regular land forces or navy. Our people, free of military burdens, devoted themselves to the development of their continent.

The second policy to which I ~~referred~~ have mentioned was that of the Open Door in China, announced in 1900. By it, we favored equal rights in China for all nations, and the maintenance of the economic and political integrity of what remained of China, after various foreign nations had sliced off portions of it. However, we never put ourselves in readiness to enforce by military means a violation of these declarations.

So, we went along, relatively undisturbed, to the time of the First World War, still secure, or so we assumed, because of the undisputed might of the British Navy, and because

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take a cursory look at those areas where disaccord between us might have been expected.

I have already spoken of China. Regarding the whole of South East Asia, Japan, Korea, and the Middle East, we are generally agreed, as we are in Europe, ~~including Berlin and Germany,~~ Latin-America, and Africa. I can personally testify to the close, daily consultation between our two governments, a relationship unparalleled in modern history.

We suffer alike, of course, from our own insistence on the rules of reason and law, when confronted with authoritarian and ruthless opponents. Our very decencies are, at times, seemingly disadvantageous when we deal with indecencies, and sustained deceit.

Nevertheless, the qualities that have made the Atlantic Community unique for good will, I trust and believe, continue to afford it a mastery over proponents of those false, political philosophies that would subordinate the dignity of individual man to the arbitrary arrogance of the transitory dictator or impermanent creed.

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